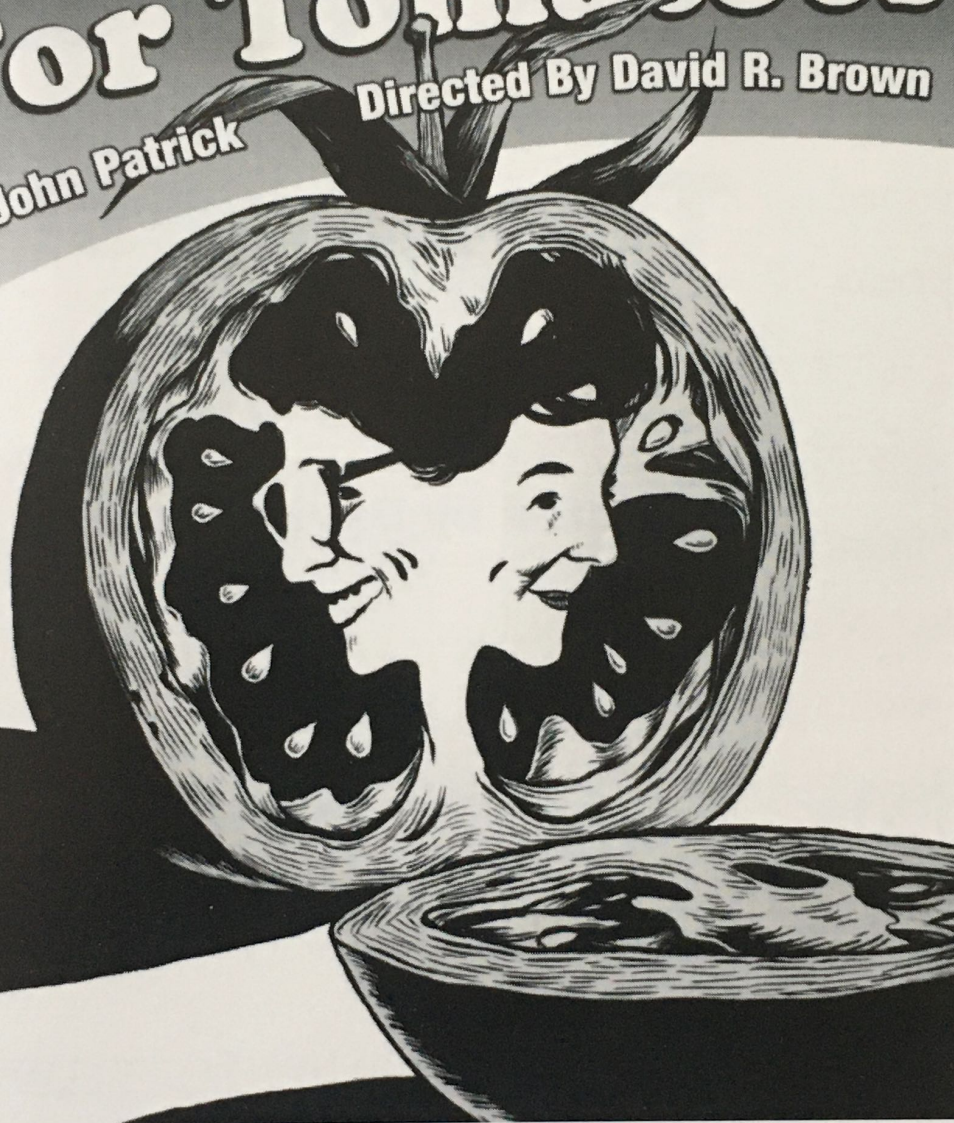


*Sumter Little Theatre  
Presents*

# **A Bad Year For Tomatoes**

*By John Patrick*

*Directed By David R. Brown*



**October 11-14 and 18-22  
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## **The Setting:**

The early 1970's. A village in Vermont.

## **Act I**

Scene 1 Living room in a small New England village

Scene 2 The same, a few hours later

Scene 3 The same, a couple of months later

## **Act II**

Scene 1 The same, next day

## **Cast of Characters**

Myra Marlow.....Carmela Bryan  
Tom Lamont.....Michael Duffy  
Cora Gump.....Anne Galloway  
Reba Harper.....Joanie McLeod  
Piney.....Edward "Buzz" Cornell  
Willa Mae Wilcox.....Dee Renko  
Sheriff.....Jim Wade

## **Production Staff**

Stage Manager.....Nancy Lee Garner  
Set Design and construction.....August Smarra  
Properties.....Sylvia Pickell  
Costumes.....Marge Cowles  
Sound & light board operators.....Anne Beaty,  
John Devore  
Scenic Artists.....Joan Scheide,  
Geraldine Redgate  
Poster Design.....Matthew Burchstead

## **Special Thanks**

A huge thank you to David Shoemaker and his expert crew for the installation of our new sound and lighting equipment. Thank you to The Item for their continued support and coverage. Thanks also to our new volunteers from Shaw. We're glad to have you!



## Meet the Cast

**Carmela Bryan (Myra Marlow)** Carmela was born in Naples, Italy and has lived in Sumter for 19 years. She has been onstage in SLT productions of "What I Did Last Summer," "Moon Over Buffalo," "Wait Until Dark," "The Road to Mecca" and most recently, "Squabbles." Carmela is the Clinical Director for the Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse in Sumter and is the proud mom of two great children, Frederick and Rosaria.

**Buzz Cornell (Piney)** Edward "Buzz" Cornell is Piney, the repulsive, annoying, but human face of the backwoods. Buzz says Piney is a joy to play because he is his own person with many humorous and touching facets. Buzz is more often seen on the SLT stage in dramas like "Proof", and musicals like "Oklahoma", but says he has a love for playing good comedic roles.

**Michael Duffy (Tom Lamont)** Michael Duffy is a twenty year veteran of the SLT stage. Onstage and backstage, he has left his mark on over fifty Sumter Little Theatre productions. He most recently appeared in "Don't Dress for Dinner". Michael is especially delighted to be working with Carmela in this production and has thoroughly enjoyed collaborating with director David Brown and this excellent cast.

**Anne Galloway (Cora Gump)** Since she "inherited" the "ham I yam" talents from her parents, Hank and Frankie Martin, Anne enjoys acting in comedies, musicals and plays. A former board of directors member, she has been involved in the SLT for many years, ("The King and I," "The Sound of Music," "The Music Man" ('70s production), 3 rounds of "Nonsense," "The Octette Bridge Club" and "Mornings at Seven"). Besides singing in the church choir, for weddings and other occasions, and just relaxing and having fun "You can say that again", Anne is an admin. Asst. for Sumter Packaging Corp (19yrs.), married to Ronnie Galloway, has 2 boys, Blake and Clarke Smith & a stepdaughter, Rhonda Galloway Wilkerson, husband Alan and 2 grandchildren. Anne is honored to be working with our wonderful director, David Brown and a very talented cast and crew as well.

**Joanie McLeod (Reba Harper)** Joanie lives in Pinewood where she and her husband Mac are "empty nesting" after taking their "baby" to college this past August. Her first role was as Mrs. Armstrong in the 2003 production of "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever." She repeated that role the following year, but decided she would opt for a few more lines when she was cast as Esther Crampton in "Mornings at Seven" in 2005. As the acting bug has bitten her soundly, she is so excited to be playing nosy neighbor Reba Harper (is this type casting?) in "A Bad Year for Tomatoes." She has enjoyed being reunited with former and new cast members in this fun filled play and has had the "time of her life." She wants to especially thank her wonderful husband Mac for being so understanding and waiting up for her after these late night practices.

**Dee Renko (Willa Mae Wilcox)** Dee claims there are absolutely no similarities between herself and Willa Mae. Dee is a very sane person. She has appeared in many SLT productions, starting with "Steel Magnolias" and most recently "I Hate Hamlet" and considers SLT necessary for this sanity. Dee is a Branch Office Administrator for Edward Jones and mother to Kelly, a Junior at USC (a theater major!), and Matthew, an apprentice with the New York City Ballet.

**Jim Wade (Sheriff)** A Tarheel by birth, Jim came to Sumter over 30 years ago to teach art in Dist#17 and was in his first SLT production within a month. Being a true Gemini, Jim doesn't stick to just one area of the arts and enjoys participating and creating in various media. He was last seen in the summer hit "Music Man." Look for him and other cast members in Nov. on SCETV in the documentary "Pirates of the Carolinas"

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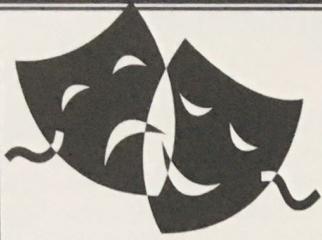
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## Audition Notice

Calling all aspiring actors and actresses! SLT is holding auditions for the wonderful play "The Christmas Bus" written by Robert Inman. Auditions for adults only (children will audition separately in the youth theatre classes) will be held Oct. 15th and 17th at 7:00pm in the Sumter Little Theatre classroom. We are looking for five women and three men of varying ages. One of the three men, needs to be in his 20's and be able to sing, and play guitar. Call and see how you can come to be a part of Sumter's finest live entertainment. 775-2150

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# Bright News for SLT!



The Sumter Little Theatre tech is no longer patched, latched and scratched! Starting with this production and for all future events, we will enjoy our new state of the art sound and light equipment! This much needed upgrade, in addition to our new grand drape, is a gift from Margaret Van-Bulck and her late father Alan West honoring the work at the SLT youth program. Thank you Margaret and son, Mark.

Soon you will also be able to see the result of gifts by other generous parents and patrons when we purchase new office furniture. Thank you all for your continued support of The Sumter Little Theatre! We are here because of you!

Katie Damron

Executive Director Emeritus